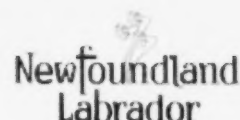


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May 14, 2008

The following statement was issued by the Honourable Jerome Kennedy, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. It was also read in the House of Assembly.

International Peace Officers' Memorial Day

I wish to recognize May 15, 2008 as International Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

It is important that residents of Newfoundland and Labrador are aware of the important role that peace officers play in our communities. They work closely with members of the community to make our residents feel safe. I was pleased to speak on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador during the Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service, held earlier today at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in St. John's. This Memorial Service is held each year in honour of police and peace officers killed in the line of duty.

I would like to bring special attention to the Police and Peace Officers' Memorial which is located on the grounds of Confederation Building, just outside these chambers. We are proud to have such a memorial that pays tribute to the seventeen uniformed officers who have paid the ultimate price in service to Newfoundland and Labrador. The monument serves as an important reminder of the often dangerous work that peace officers carry out each and every day.

As we all know, the choice to dedicate one's life as a peace officer is a selfless one. It often carries risk, but, also the potential for tremendous reward. This reward, service to others and the protection of our communities, is what drives these officers to continually perform at such high standards.

I would also like to note that the week of May 11 - 17 is National Police Week. Since 1970 Police Week has been dedicated to increasing community awareness and recognition of policing services while strengthening ties between police and the community. Police Week reminds us that police and community cooperation is the key to safer homes and communities.

Through Budget 2008, our government will provide an additional \$4.5 million to ensure that police have adequate resources and are able to make residents and families in our province feel safe.

I am truly grateful to acknowledge in this House today the dedicated service, superior efforts and the sacrifice that our police and peace officers have given, and continue to give, to the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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